full waiver of all fees (including tuition and all other fees except meal & transportation) charged by them, to each girls student from class VI to XII who is a "Single Child" of her parents either with immediate effect or from the next academic session commencing from 1.04.2006. As regard the extension of this benefit to students of State Boards, it is for the concerned States to consider providing such benefit.

Requirement of secondary education

t2758. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI C. PERUMAL: SHRIMATI
N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more secondary schools would be needed during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the number of the schools to be opened and the funds required therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) The number of additional schools & funds required for this purpose, would depend, *inter-alia;* on success of programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and on demand for secondary education from the students.

Languages of North-Eastem Region

2759. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI
HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to popularize the languages of the Eastern and the North Eastern Region;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.